

DRAFT MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: February 15, 2007
 Time: 9:30 am–11:30 am
 Location: 1001 I Street, Room 230
 Lead: Theresa Bober
 Note taker: Edward Wong
 Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



ATTENDANCE

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| Amit Rana, Sierra Club | Hedda Jowza, U.S. EPA |
| Becky Williams, CIWMB | Jamie Cameron-Harley, DTSC |
| Bobbie Winn, DFG | Kay Antuñez, Cal Fire |
| Celeste Royer, CREEC (by phone) | Phaedra Bota, Cal Boating |
| Carolyn Tucker, DWR | Sharon Jang, U.S. EPA |
| Chris Graillat, CEC | Susan Fischer, ARB |
| Crystal Harden, CDE | Theresa Bober, CIWMB |
| Edward Wong, ARB | Tina Muncie, DOC (by phone) |

AGENDA

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| 1. | Check-in and Catch-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Introductions Review Agenda Approve Minutes from January 2007 Update Outstanding Action Items Distribute “What’s New in Your World” | Theresa Bober | <p>We welcomed Susan Fischer (ARB’s Science, Technology, and Health Policy Advisor) and welcomed back Becky Williams as part of CIWMB’s Office of Education and the Environment. Theresa will give the EEI update in place of Andrea. The January 2007 minutes were approved with the notation that discussion on issues regarding the lack of a liaison between JCEC and CEEIN was not included. We discussed and updated outstanding action items from the January meeting. On discussion of the CEEIN brochure action item, the CDE contact number is outdated and is not Crystal’s phone number. There are no plans to revise the brochure.</p> |
| 2. | Committee Reports & Discussion Administration & Organization No Committee Report Leadership & Legislation Education and Environment Initiative (EEI) Update | Theresa Bober | <p>The EEI group needs more content reviewers and is looking for people with field experience and a Master or Doctoral Degree. Completed units will be matched and sent to people with the identified expertise to review the content. They will be allotted a certain amount of time for review. Fourteen environmental areas are covered in the law. Currently, there are 11 units ready for review. Go to http://www.creec.org/stories/storyReader\$198 for the application. The EEI group will first look within BDOs (Boards, Departments, and Offices), then look outside.</p> <p>Several comments were made and concerns were raised</p> |

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| | <p>Communications No Committee Report</p> <p>Diversity CABE Update</p> <p>Environmentality MOU/Contracts</p> <p>JCEC Update</p> | <p>Kay Antunez</p> <p>Becky Williams</p> <p>Crystal Harden</p> | <p>regarding the process to obtain content reviewers and the time allotted for review. They are as follows: (1) Although stated in the legislation that CEEIN is a partner, the procedure for accessing BDO reviewers is vague and no protocol has been established; (2) Many members are not content experts, but are important conduits for identifying and connecting to the experts in their respective programs; (3) Asking BDO experts to submit applications has been difficult because of their work loads and uncertainties on the time frame, amount of content, and timing of the request for review; (4) It may take longer than the time allotted for content review; and (5) Members are willing to be resources and would like to have more input in this process.</p> <p>It was suggested that as units become available, the EEI group could email members asking for content experts to review them. The suggestion was accepted and the process will be that as units become available, the EEI group will notify CEEIN members first for content experts.</p> <p>The booth at CABE has enough assistance from CEEIN members. The DWR booth will be next door and their representatives will also assist.</p> <p>Becky reintroduced herself and will be working on MOUs and contracts. Her first assignment will be working on JCEC financial contributions. If there are any questions, Becky can be reached by email at rwilliam@ciwmb.ca.gov or by phone at 916-341-6766.</p> <p>Crystal facilitated final sign-ups and provided an update on the March JCEC judging panels. Todd Ferrara is the new Executive who will represent the Resources Agency in JCEC events.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Miscellaneous Topics</p> <p>Outdoor Education Legislation Update</p> <p>March Field Trip</p> | <p>Amit Rana</p> <p>Ed Wong</p> | <p>The proposed legislation has been given Bill Number SB 207, is authored by Senator Alex Padilla, and would establish the Outdoor Education and Recreation Program in the California State Parks agency. It's sponsored by Sierra Club, American Diabetes Association, and California Sheriff's Association. The Bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on March 27th. Amit will email latest bill summary to members.</p> <p>A sign-up sheet was passed around for people interested in the proposed March 21st field trip to the Hilton Bialek Biological Sciences Habitat (HBBSH) at Carmel Middle</p> |

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| | | | <p>School. Most of the interested members could not make that date and instead proposed May 16th. Ed will ask the HBBSH if they can do the tour that day.</p> <p>Zori has been facilitating meetings for almost 3 years and will retire at the end of 2007. At the November 2006 meeting, Zori asked members if they still need/want her assistance. If so, she thinks the best approach is for her to transition to a coaching facilitator style to support the meeting host than to actively facilitate the meeting. Zori's goal is to have members become self-sufficient in running meetings and facilitating themselves after say, six months. She asked Ed, January Host, to request feedback from members. Eight responses were received and summarized in a document that was sent to members in January 2007. Comments were made as to whether or not a member could effectively run a meeting as both host and facilitator, or to seek someone with similar background as Zori. Members were encouraged to look within their respective BDOs and this matter will be up for further input.</p> |
| 3. | No Guest Speakers | | |
| 4. | What's New In Your World U.S. EPA | All | Sharon submitted a WNIYW on her activities (attached). |
| 5. | Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop April Meeting Agenda | Theresa Zori | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following Action Items were assigned: (1) All check http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Education/CEEIN/Resources/ to ensure your agency's information and links are current, and email changes to Annie; (2) Ed capture members' comments on 2006 CSTA Conference and run by group for feedback, and share with CSTA on behalf of CEEIN; (3) Crystal confirm if MOU is with Food and Ag and send information to Phaedra; (4) Celeste determine number of brochures needed for outdoor schools and send information to Carolyn; (5) Theresa email request to Jamie on possible school district candidates for EEI pilot testing; (6) Theresa give Becky CEEIN list serve address; (7) Amit send members SB 207 information, grant process link, and Economist article link; (8) Ed check with HBBSH on May 16 field trip, check with Susan on hosting April 26 meeting, and secure new meeting room; (9) Bobbie/Kay send email to members inquiring about 2007 CSTA conference participation and coordinate how best to display CEEIN presence; (10) Sharon email members link to the President's Environmental Youth Awards; (11) Chris email members information on Art Poster Contest; and (12) Carolyn draft CEEIN concern regarding JCEC judging discussed at January meeting (but not adequately referenced in minutes), send to members for input, then send to Christiane for response. As in the past, there will be no March meeting because the JCEC Grand Prize Winner Announcement Luncheon |

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| | | | <p>will take the meeting's place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan is scheduled to be the April meeting host. • Committee Reports • Upcoming conferences. • Speakers – Lockheed Martin, U.S. EPA. |

CEEIN Meeting
Feb 15, 2007
Meeting Evaluation Summary

- Overall rating: 4.1 (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high)

What went well

- Got through all the information
- Thanks for giving everyone time to discuss their concerns
- Went smoothly and on time
- Neutral facilitation very important for meeting
- Great to have USEPA represented
- Nice dialogue
- Good interaction and sharing; nice job staying on time
- Thanks Zori for keeping the focus on solutions and resolutions instead of “harping” on everything that is wrong.
- Lots of discussion, good to get ideas exchanged
- Moved quickly
- Zori is excellent at keeping meeting moving and easing disputes
- Very good on time.
- Kept on track with agenda items.
- Have time to go around the room.
- Focus was well maintained.

What could be improved?

- Too much negativity on topics without finding anything positive to say

What's New in Your World?

Meeting Date: 2/15/07
Contact Person: Sharon Jang
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ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

EPA is partnering up with:

Karen Schultz
National Environmental Ed. Foundation 202-261-6484
www.neetf.org

Theme: Energy

Sign up now to become a partner in **National Environmental Education Week, April 15-22, 2007!** Now in its third consecutive year, EE Week (www.eeweek.org) seeks to enhance the educational impact of Earth Day (April 22nd) and provide educators from around the country with a full week of environmental education preparation, learning, and activities for K-12 classrooms, universities, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums.

New to EE Week's 2007 offerings is the **Richard C. Bartlett Award for Environmental Education**, which will recognize outstanding environmental education programs in both formal and non-formal settings with grants awarded to the winning organizations. Details about the award, including eligibility requirements and application deadlines, will be available at www.eeweek.org in early April.

You can join National EE Week's efforts and promote environmental learning by registering today at www.eeweek.org/register.htm. Questions? Please email eeweek@neetf.org.